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Assemblymember Smyth  
State Capitol, Room 4098  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Smyth,

In 2011, the Legislature established the Conference Committee on Public Employee Benefits under the provisions of Senate Bill 827 and Assembly Bill 340. Since that time, the Committee has met five times and anticipates releasing its report in the next several months. The Legislature will then have the opportunity to vote on the Conference Committee report in both houses.

As Chair of the Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security (PER&SS) Committee and as Co-chair of the Conference Committee, I believe it appropriate to limit the bills considered this year in the policy committees to those that are not within the purview of the Conference Committee. I have determined that bills addressing pension reform and benefit changes of any kind should be referred to interim study so that their topics can be considered once the Conference Committee has issued its report.

Therefore, it will be the recommendation of the Chair that, AB 1649, AB 1681 and AB 2224, which relate to subjects under review by the Conference Committee, be referred to interim study when it is heard in the Assembly PER&SS Committee on April 26, 2012.

Authors will have three minutes to present on their bill and support and opposition will be limited to two minutes each. You also have the option of waiving presentation on your bill if you so choose.

The issue of pension reform is a priority for all legislators, Republican and Democrat, and will be addressed in a thoughtful and thorough manner during this legislative session.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the Chief Consultant for our committee, Karon Green, at (916) 319-3957.

Sincerely,

Warren T. Furutani  
Chairman

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